



**Silicon Valley Clean Energy
Executive Committee Meeting**

Friday, June 25, 2021
2:45 p.m.

Margaret Abe-Koga, Chair
City of Mountain View

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
City of Campbell

Jon Robert Willey
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City of Sunnyvale

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County of Santa Clara

Pursuant to State of California Executive Order N-29-20, dated March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted via teleconference.

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

Chair Gibbons called the meeting to order at 2:46 p.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Chair Liz Gibbons, City of Campbell
Vice Chair George Tyson, Town of Los Altos Hills
Director Neysa Fligor, City of Los Altos
Director Javed Ellahie, City of Monte Sereno
Director Margaret Abe-Koga, City of Mountain View

Absent:

None.

All present committee members participated via teleconference.

Public Comment on Matters Not Listed on the Agenda

Bruce Karney commented on GHG emissions and per capita GHG emissions, noting when cities or agencies set GHG emissions goals that aren't based on a per capita measure, the results can be strange if the city is growing or shrinking. Karney requested the SVCE Board of Directors and SVCE as an agency think hard on if per capita measurements are the right approach.

Consent Calendar

Vice Chair Tyson noted he was not at the May 28, 2021 meeting, but he did read the minutes and would proceed to vote.

MOTION: Vice Chair Tyson moved and Director Abe-Koga seconded the motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

The motion carried unanimously by verbal roll call vote.



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Regular Calendar

2) CEO Update (Discussion)

CEO Girish Balachandran provided a CEO Update which included: Board Clerk Andrea Pizano would be going on maternity leave beginning in August; With President Biden's federal holiday addition of Juneteenth, SVCE would be making some policy changes to reflect this new holiday and staff would be reaching out to member agencies to see how they will be recognizing Juneteenth; Flex Alerts were issued the following week, and there were high power prices as a result of the heat wave; Preparation for in-person board meetings is underway, and ideas will be brought to the group in August; Regarding SB 1383, SVCE has requested to postpone involvement in the RFP due to staffing constraints; The California Community Choice Financing Authority (CCCFA) held their first meeting; An update on Western Community Energy's bankruptcy filing; and Notification that rating agencies have reached out to SVCE, and the importance of having very strong reserves.

Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Melicia Charles provided updates on several regulatory proceedings; staff responded to committee member questions.

Chair Gibbons opened public comment.
None.

Chair Gibbons closed public comment.

3) Equity Framework (Discussion)

Director of Regulatory and Legislative Policy Charles introduced the item and a PowerPoint presentation regarding diversity, equity and inclusion; staff responded to committee member questions. Director Fligor recommended staff consult with legal counsel regarding supplier diversity.

Director of Decarbonization and Grid Integration Programs Aimee Bailey presented slides on SVCE's equity framework for programs.

Chair Gibbons requested staff distribute a link to the Socioeconomic Vulnerability Index (SEVI) presentation to the Board of Directors prior to the equity presentation at the board level.

Chair Gibbons opened public comment.
No speakers.
Chair Gibbons closed public comment.

4) Strategic Plan Debrief & Next Steps (Discussion)

CEO Balachandran presented a PowerPoint presentation on updates to the FY 22 Strategic Plan and responded to committee member questions.

Director Fligor noted there was a request for staff to do a deep dive to try to identify the reasons why SVCE has experienced increased turnover.



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City of Mountain View

Chair Gibbons opened public comment.

Liz Gibbons, Vice Chair
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Bruce Karney recalled a slide from a previous strategy discussion which listed a wide variety of groups with whom SVCE might collaborate, which included universities. Karney noted he gets emails from Stanford and the University of California, Berkeley on inventions that are being developed within their engineering departments, and felt there would be a benefit to SVCE and its customers if there was greater collaboration between these two universities and SVCE. Karney noted he hopes this would be part of the strategy going forward.

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Chair Gibbons closed public comment.

Zach Hilton
City of Gilroy

Chair Gibbons noted it may be worth looking back at the presentation which Mr. Karney referenced.

Neysa Fligor
City of Los Altos

Committee members provided feedback on the presentation to be incorporated into the version which would be developed for the Board of Directors in August, and provided comments on the overall strategic plan.

George Tyson
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CEO Balachandran summarized committee member comments for staff to perform a deep dive on turnover, provide examples when possible, and outlined what committees and the Board of Directors would see during the August meeting.

Rob Rennie
Town of Los Gatos

5) 2022 Budget Kick-off (Discussion)

Evelyn Chua
City of Milpitas

CFO and Director of Administrative Services Amrit Singh introduced the item and presented a PowerPoint presentation on a preview of the FY 21-22 SVCE budget and responded to committee member questions.

Javed Ellahie
City of Monte Sereno

Committee members provided comments on the budget preview including the importance of strong reserves, power supply controls, load changes, financial levers, the purpose and intention of reserves, and included suggestions for the presentation being brought to the Board of Directors in August.

Yvonne Martinez Beltran
City of Morgan Hill

Tina Walia
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CEO Balachandran summarized direction and comments from the committee with the following:

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Staff will create a \$20M rainy day fund for power procurement, which staff can tap into without coming back to the board which will be tracked;

Operating costs will be going up about 15% for additional staff;

Eliminating the line of credit and increasing the reserves to 50 days;

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The discount being incorporated into the budget is 1%, but when staff sees the updated PG&E numbers, staff may come back to increase the discount;

If we are in good times, SVCE may want to increase money for programs. Options will be provided to the Board of Directors on increasing program expenditure that will focus on transportation, building decarbonization, virtual power plants, and more connections with cities; and

A proposal will be brought back to the Board of Directors for a change in policy that will allow CEO Balachandran the ability to make staffing changes.

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Chair Gibbons opened public comment.

No speakers.

Chair Gibbons closed public comment.

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Committee/Staff Remarks

None.

Adjournment

Chair Gibbons adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrea Pe", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

SECRETARY